

Christ Episcopal Church
7145 Fieldcrest Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

Vestry Meeting
July 12, 2021

Attendance

Wardens: Gloria Bryant

Vestry: Mary Brennan-Taylor, Debbie Bronschidle, Pat O. Few, Theresa McCabe, Ken Miller, John Scott, Cheryl Urtel, Sue Venezia-Waddell

Clergy: The Rev. Thomas J Mitchell, The Rev. Joseph Kozlowski

Excused: Jack Taylor

Absent: Ann Rucci

Other Attendees: Tim McQueen

Fr. Thomas Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and offered the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes – no action on parking or trees; approved
- Finance Report
- Jack Taylor, Sr. Warden – no report
- Gloria Bryant, Jr. Warden – no report
- Landscaping – John Scott – no report
- Men's Group – Ken Miller – no report
- Disaster Plan – Debbie Bronschidle – no report
- Mary Hunt – Pat Few
- Organ Updates & Repairs – Tim McQueen (no report submitted – see organ tuning quote)

Fr. Mitchell stated that if we want to continue to use the consent agenda to shorten meetings, people need to submit reports a week ahead so people can read the reports, or we will go back to the old way of discussing everything. Gloria Bryant moved we accept the items in the consent agenda. Seconded by Theresa McCabe and carried.

Clergy Remarks

- Fr. Thomas Mitchell: The clergy from the Lake Churches will meet later this month to continue the collaboration work. Starting the first Sunday in August, 8/1/2021, we will start having 8:00 and 10:00 am services each Sunday. If we do not get enough people to warrant two services, we will figure out how we will proceed.
- Fr. Joe Kozlowski – no report

New Business

- Girl Scouts: the leader of the troop that met at Christ Church has moved away. Her girls joined another troop that meets at another church. We need to be aware because they have always helped us with fundraisers and outreach projects, but will no longer be doing that.
- \$1 increase per pay period for Fr. Thomas: Gloria Bryant moved that we increase Fr. Thomas pay by \$1.00 (taxable) per pay period so that ADP can generate W-2's for him in the future. Sue Venezia-Waddell seconded the motion and it carried.

- Elevator Reset & Missing Warden's Keys: Gloria Bryant and Jack Taylor have now been trained to reset the elevator (there are now three who can do it), which requires getting into the office to get the only elevator room key. Signs have been posted inside the elevator and on the outside doors with names and phone numbers. The missing Warden's keys are being searched for at home again.
- Coffee Hour Coordinator: Debbie Bronschidle volunteered to coordinate coffee hour hosts. There was discussion about using the A/C in the parish hall during COVID – needs to be researched.
- Wright's Corner Fire Company Donation: The Fire Department is doing their annual fundraiser after missing a year because of COVID. In the past we donated \$100. John Scott moved we donate \$100. Sue Venezia-Waddell seconded the motion and it carried.
- Organ Tuning Contract – Tim McQueen: Parsons is the only company in the area (they are two hours away). The contract covers tuning twice annually. John Scott moved we go ahead with the contract. Theresa McCabe seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business

- Employee Letters of Agreement – no progress
- Brookside Committee & 2021 season: It is getting so late in the year, and there are several issues with the building that need to be taken care of before we try to open. The consensus was that we will let the Diocese know what is needed at the Church (repairs are Diocesan expenses), but we will not try to open the building this year.
- Finance Committee Approval – Fr. Thomas Mitchell: We have a good committee and they will be meeting next Monday to start working.
- Parking Lot Quotes – Gary May gave us the lowest bid of \$3,050. Ken Miller moved that Gary May do the parking lot repairs, sealing and striping. Gloria Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.
- Tree Removal Quotes: It was decided that we need new quotes for what it would cost to remove the trees, cutting them low enough to mow over and not grind the stumps. Gloria Bryant will get new quotes.
- Representatives to Team for Collaboration with Lake Churches (2 people): It was decided that we will ask for volunteers from the parish.
- Stewardship Chair & Committee: It was decided we will ask for volunteers from the parish.
- Fr. Joe Kozlowski said that a letter was sent to the Wardens stating that all meetings must be held at Church, not at restaurants. Christ Church has a long tradition of meetings at restaurants to make it more social and do whatever business is needed.

Closing

Fr. Thomas Mitchell offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bauer
Office Manager

Next Vestry Meeting: August 9, 2021 7:00 pm via Zoom

August Reports (Due to the Office 8/2/2021):
Minutes

Finance Report
Jack Taylor, Sr. Warden
Gloria Bryant, Jr. Warden
Landscaping – John Scott
Men's Group – Ken Miller
Disaster Plan – Debbie Bronschidle
Organ Updates & Repairs – Tim McQueen
Church School & Youth – Cheryl Urtel
Congregational Care – Anne Rucci
Inclusivity – Mary Brennan-Taylor
Parish Life – Pat Few
Worship Planning – Fr. Thomas Mitchell